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and the

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#### MITFORD & LAUNDITCH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER

#### OF HEALTH FOR 1965.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for 1965.

Mitford and Launditch is a Rural District of 102,371 acres in Mid Norfolk. The main industry is agriculture. The district comprises some forty seven parishes. The problems of providing such an area with piped water supply and mains drainage are many but the several schemes in process of completion, or planning are proceeding, despite the inevitable delays.

The building programme continued but in many villages the demand outstripped the supply. The delay at the Ministry in the authorisation of tenders put the programme further behind. It should be realised that with the lowered age of marriage and raised birth rate in the immediate post war years more homes will be needed. The provision of accommodation for the elderly will also become an increasing need. Slum Clearance is another problem demanding aftention. Only 23 houses were dealt with in 1965 compared with 60 in 1964.

I am happy to report that there is still 100% meat inspection, and the high quality of the animals passing through our Slaughterhouses has been maintained.

1965 was the first full year of operation of the Offices, Shops, and Railway Premises Act, 1963. Because of pressure of work in other fields detailed inspections were unable to be carried out. This matter is receiving attention.

#### General Statistics.

Area in acres	102,371 acres.
Population 1965	17,670
1964	17,610
1963	17,819

Rateable Value 1965 £292,030 Estimated Product of Penny Rate 1965 £1,163

The estimated mid year population was 17,670. This is an increase of 60 over the mid 1964 population.

There were 271 live births of which 25 were illegitimate that is 9.2% of the total live births were illegitimate, this is an increase over last year of 2.61%. There were 238 deaths from all causes giving a natural increase (births - deaths) of 33.

The adjusted birth rate (17.00) shows an increase over last year (16.2) but is still lower than the national rate. The adjusted death rate of 9.56 is also below the national rate.

There were five infants deaths in 1965 compared with 3 in 1964 giving an infant mortality rate of 18.45. Of these five infant deaths, 4 occurred under 1 week of age. The marked rise in the infant mortality rate has occurred because in 1964 there were 3 deaths in 257 births while in 1965 there were 5 deaths in 271 births. Small figures tend to give an unbalanced picture. The four deaths under the age of one week were due to prematurity. This is one of the major causes of neonatal deaths and the reason for its occurrance is often obscure. There was only one still birth and again no maternal deaths.

Vital Statistics	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1		
	1965	1964	Ungland and Walus 1965.
Live Births  Birth rate per 1000 population	271	257	
(adjusted)	17.00	16.2	18.1
Illegitimate live birth rate per cent of total live births	9.22/3	6.617	
Still births Total live and still births	272	3 260	
Infant deaths (deaths under 1 year) Infant Hortality rates	5	3	
Total Infant deaths per 1000 live births  Logitimate infant deaths per 1000	18.45	11.67	19.0
legitimate live births Illegitimate infant deaths per	20.32	12.50	
1000 illogitimate live births	-	plica	
Neonatal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1000 total live births) Early Moonatal Mortality Rate (deaths	14.76	11.67	13.0
under 1 week per 1000 total live births) Perinatal Mortality Rate (still births + deaths under 1 week per 1000 total	14.76	7.78	
births) Maternal mortality	18.39	19.23	26.8
Deaths all ages Death rate (adjusted)	238 9•56	228	11.5

Causes of Death.	1965	1964
Tuberculosis, Respiratory Syphilitic Disease Malignant Neoplasm Stomach Malignant Neoplasm Breast Malignant Neoplasm Breast Malignant Neoplasm Uterus Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms Leukaemia, Aleukaemia Vascular lesions of Nervous System Coronary Disease Angina Hypertension with Heart Disease Other Heart Disease Other circulatory disease Influenza Phomonia Bronchitis Other (iseases of Respiratory System Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum Gastritis Enteritis and Diarrhoea Neghritis and Nephrosis Hyperplasia of Prostate Congenital Malformations Other defined and ill-defined diseases Motor Vehicle Accidents All Other Accidents Suicide	1 1 5 6 3 4 17 2 24 42 2 5 0 8 2 17 7 1 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 2 7 2 7 2 2 8 2 7 2 7 2 7 2 7 2 7 2 7 2	0 1 4 1 5 5 3 6 1 6 2 3 3 7 9 2 9 9 1 - 2 1 3 1 2 5 4 2 2 8

#### Deaths from lung cancer by age and bex.

Age in years	45 - 54	55 - 64	65 - 74	75+
Malc	n-a-a-	2	2	2
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There were 2 deaths from cancer of the uterine cervix.

#### Deaths from Coronary Heart Disease by Age and Sex.

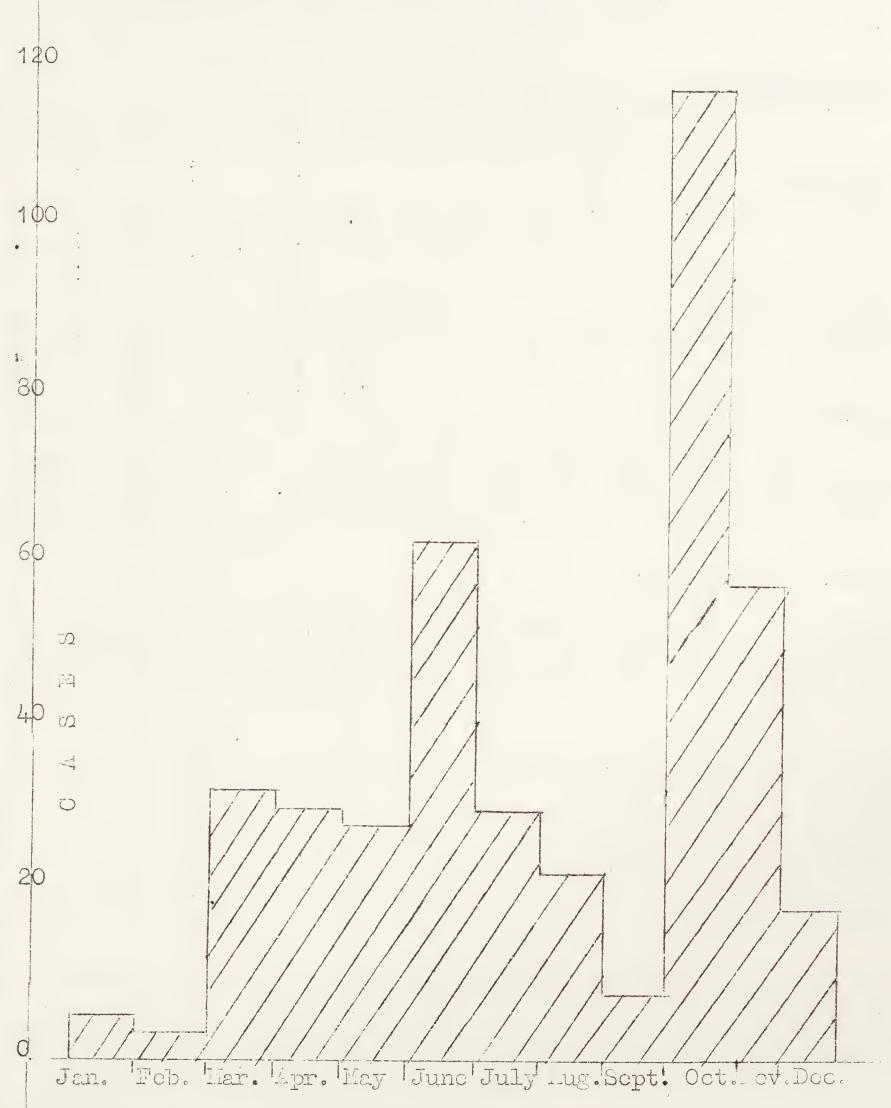
Ago	in years	45 -	54	<b>55 -</b> 6	54	65 - 74	75+
Mal	C	1		1		9	17
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Of the 238 deaths from all causes 79.4% (189 deaths) were over the age of 65 and 58.3% (139 deaths) were over the age of 75 years. There were only 21 deaths under the age of 54 years.

Infectious Diseases.							
	1965	1964	1963	1962			
Scarlet Fever Erysipelas Measles Whoeping Cough Pneumonia. Dysentery Food Poisoning Infectious Hepatitis Puerperal pyrexia Acute Encephalitis (Infective).	7 410 5 2 5	24 103 24 3 1 156	17 82 9 5 2 6 1	24 4 5 5 2 2			

The notifications of measles were the highest recorded for five years. The age group of highest incidence was the 5 to 9 years as is usual - 234 cases. Hight cases occurred under the age of 1 year. Measles usually occurs in the Spring. In 1964, Mebruary was the month of highest incidence but as is shown opposite the peak was reached in October in 1965 going from 6 cases in September to 116 in October, 57 in November and 18 in December.

1965.



Sixty nine cases of whooping cough have been notified since 1961. It is significant that in all cases the child did not receive the reinforcing dose of antigen thirteen months after the primary course as recommended.

#### Tuberculosis.

	1965	1964	1963	1962
Pulmonary Male Female	27	25	25	26
	14	17	15	17
Non Pulmonary	14	11	11	11
Male	23	20	18	17
Fenale	78	73	69	71

There were 8 new cases of tuberculosis notified during the year, three pulmonary and five non-pulmonary. There were five inward transfers. Two patients recovered and there was one death.

#### B.C.G. Vaccination.

Norfolk County Council offers B.C.G. vaccination to the 13 year old age group as a routine measure to give protection to the adolescent. The following table shows the response in 1965.

	1965
Number of children eligible	54
Number of acceptances	46
Number of children Heaf tested	45
Number of tests read	45
Number of tests positive	4
Tuberculin index	8.9%
Number vaccinated	41

The tuberculin index is the percentage positive readings of total readings. There is only one Secondary Modern School in the Rural District. In previous reports the total number of children eligible in Area 3 has been given (i.e. Mittord and Lunditch and Dercham). Hence the apparent decrease in number to roughout the table.

#### munisation Schemes.

The schedule of immunisation remained as in 1964. A rimary course of whooping cough, lightheric and tetanus antigen a given in the 3rd, 4th and 5th month followed by a reinforcing ose of antigen at 18 months. I munisation by oral oliomyclitis vaccine (3 doses) is given at 6, 7, and 8 months of age. A reinforcing dose of diphtheria/tetanus antigen is iven on school entry and again at approximately 10 years of age. reinforcing dose of poliomyclitis vaccine is also given on chool entry.

The following table shows the work done by the general ractitioners and the Assistant County Medical Officer.

#### Year of Birth.

gent	Course	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961	to	to	1950 or Earlier	Total
hooping ough iphtheria &	Princry	65	83	7	2	2				159
	Reinforcing		9	28	6	6	4	dose		53
	Total	65	92	35	8	8	4	gatina		212
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	Total	6	9	3		24	120	63	0.05	225
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etanus	Prinary Reinforcing	dentile.	5 2	<del>-</del> 1	diagra-	grand.	1 4	3 5	38 39	57 51
	Total	4000	7	1	ga50a	Security	5	8	77	108

The Name 74k County Council Highways Department Staff working in the Mitford & Launditch district received either primary courses of tetanus immunisation or reinforcing doses as was required. They were also offered protection against poliomyelitis and the majority attended. These facilities were also offered to the Cleansing Department Staff and were in the main accepted.

I am pleased to know that these "at risk" groups have received immunisation against tetanus and poliomyelitis.

Year of Birth.

	1965	1964	1963	1962	1946 to 1961	1934 to 1943	Others	Total
Poliomyelitis Primary Two Salk	óMus-	<u> </u>	6	2	avoid	<b>co</b> mb-	<b>B</b> anna-	12
. Three Oral	32	87	14	7	7	1	17	165
Total	32	91	20	9	7	1	17	177

#### Persons receiving reinforcing doses of polionyelitis vaccine.

Third Salk	8
Fourth Oral	154

#### Snallpox Vaccination.

Age at Vaccination	0-3 mths	3-6 mths	6-9 mths	9-12 mths	1 yr	2-4 yrs	5-15 yrs	15 & over	Total
Primary	3.	.2	4;-	4	40	12	6	color	71
Revaccination	Touris	-	geth.	-	and.	agent		ounts-	-
Total	3	2	4	4	40	12	6	\$600p	71

The immunisation and vaccination state of the children in the area is unsatisfactory. Of 271 babies born in 1965 only 65 were immunised against whooping cough, diphtheria and tetanus, only 32 received 3 doses of Oral poliomyclitis vaccine and only 65 under the age of 4 years were vaccinated. It cannot be stated too strongly that only by maintaining a high level of immunity in the population can disease by eliminated.

#### Mobile Rediography. Unit.

The Unit completed its survey of the area begun in December/64 and the results are given in the following table.

	Males	Fonales	Total
Number of Miniature A ray Examinations	1,319	1,281	2,600

# Number of cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis found.

* Other-former for which continued trade in grouping gappagarga, challed relative summarishing profession representation of the continued trade in the continued		Males	Fcmales	Total
a) Requiring tro	entment or close ervision	1	1	2
b) Requiring obs Chest Clinic	scrvation at the	1	3	24-
c) Healed Post I	Princry Lesions	2	0	2

# Volunteer Response by age Groups.

Age in Years	15-19	20-24	25-34-	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65 & over	Total
Males	120	129	243	317	239	96	70	105	1,319
Females	116	116	276	316	227	94	70	66	1,281
Total	236	245	519	633	466	190	140	171	2,600

#### among other diseases discovered were:-

Pneumonitis	4.
Emphysema	2
Bronchiectasis	4
Pleural thickening	2
Abnormalities of the Diaphragm	. 9
Chronic Bronchitis	2
Goitre	1
Cardiovascular lusions - acquired	19

A greater response in the 15-19 years and in the over 55 years would have been more pleasing, but on the whole the respon was satisfactory. There will always be those who consider any screening technique "doesn't apply to them".

#### School Health Service and Handicapped Pupils Regulations 1953.

Under these Regulations provision is made for three general medical inspections during the period of compulsory school age, on entry; in the tenth year; and in the penultimate year in the Secondary Modern School. This means the Medical Officer visits each school every year. Defects detected are referred to the general parctitioner for investigation and treatment.

Number of inspections made in 1965 853 Number of defects found 452

This may seem a high number of defects but many minor defects require observation only and have disappeared at the next inspection.

The hearing and vision of all pupils is tested at eight years of age as a routine and defects referred for investigation and treatment.

Provision is also made for special inspections, at more frequent intervals, of handicapped pupils.

Dental inspection and treatment is provided for all school children.

National Health Service Let 1946.

S.22 - S.25.

Under these sections are provided: -

a) The care, including dental care, of expectant and nursing mothers and children under the age of 5 years, not attending primary schools. This provision includes child welfare clinics.

Clinics are held at the following villages at the times The Medical Officer visits for the purpose of specified. vaccination, immunisation and routine examination of well The Health Visitor is in attendance from 2 p.m. babies. to 4 p.m. at each clinic.

Hockering	Village Hall	1st Tuesday in the month		
Gt. Dunham	Rectory	1st Thursday in the month		
Litchem	Methodist Chapel	1st Thursday in the month		
North Elmhan	War Memorial Institute	2nd Tuesday in the month		
Hattishall	Church Hall	2nd Tuesday in the month		
Shipdham	Women's Institute	2nd Thursday in the month		
Whissonsett	Village Hall	3rd Tuesday in the month		
b) Domicilia c) Health Vi d) Home Murs				

#### 5.28.

Care and after-care of persons suffering from mental illness; short term care of mental defectives.

Mr. Boothman, the Mental Welfare Officer had the services of a part time assistant and visits were made to 35 patients discharged from Mental Hospital.

There were 55 sub-normal persons on the mentally Handicapped Register. Many of these persons attended a Training Centre or a Social Club but there were a number who could not benefit from these services.

#### S.29 Home Health Service.

This service continued its excellent work. Forty five cases were assisted continuously throughout the year, and ninety five cases, including eighty eight aged and infirm, were assisted as need arose.

#### Mental Health Act 1958.

During the year 31 persons were admitted to Mental Hospitals. Of these 24 were informal patients and 7 were admitted under compulsory powers. Two cases of senile dementia were admitted to Vale Hospital, Swainsthorpe.

#### National Assistance Act 1948.

Twenty three elderly persons were admitted to Old Peoples Homes (Part III ...commedation).

#### Voluntary Services.

There are 17 Voluntary Old Peoples Clubs in the area. These clubs meet regularly and it is obvious at each meeting that "a good time is had by all".

As yet there is no Meals-on-Wheels Service operating in the Rural District.

#### Housing.

The waiting list was revised during the year.

Number on current list

Applications for Old People's Accommodation

40

#### Number of Houses erected in 1965.

a) by the Council 21 b) by Private enterprise 86

It is hoped that the rate of building in 1966 will be nearer the proposed programe.

# Factories Let 1937 and 1948.

## Part 1.

1. Inspections for purposes of previsions as to health.

		1		
	Number on Register	Inspec- tions.	Number of written netices	Occupions prose-cuted.
Factories in which Section 1,2,3,4, and 6 cre to be enforced by the Local Authority.	7	12		
Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Luthority.	46	29		****
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Luthority.			90000	energy (
Total	53	4.1	gancill	

# 2. Cases in which defects were found:-

	Found	Romedica	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector
Want of cleanliness	2	2	Carato	domain to the state of the stat
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Inoffective drainage of floor	1	1	and to	
Sanitary conveniences	•			-
(a) Insufficient	1	1	-	1
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	dispire	1
(c) Not separate for sexes	anas	designs.	manut.	prompt.
Other offences against the Let	##D	Granda.	equin.	manuf-
Total	5	5	<b>4</b>	2

OUT VORK.

						A sessional transfer of Land College College
Nature	list	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	1	No. of instances of work in unwhole-some premises	Notices	Prose
Making of boxes or other receptacles	12:-		Garage Co.	000		

I would like to thank the members of the staff of the Rural District Council Office and of the Health Office for their assistance in compiling this Report; also the members of the Public Health Committee and the Council for their kindness to me in this my first year of office with the Mitford and Launditch Rural District Council.

I have the honour to be

Your Obedient Servant

Lydia McMurdo. L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., D.P.H.

Swanton Morley including Woodgate: Lyng: Elsing, Mill Street, Fusty Weed: Bawdeswell.

#### White Mill Severage & Sevage Disposal Scheme.

Comprising Beetley, Gressenhall, Wendling and Scarning. It is proposed to drain these villages into the sewage disposal plant of the East Dereham Urban District Council. Provision is being made for these villages in the proposed reconstruction scheme at present being prepared by the Urban District Council. Negotiations between the two Luthorities are still taking place.

#### Bintree Sewerage & Sewage Disposal Scheme.

A new sewerage and sewage disposal scheme is being prepared by St. Faith's and Alysham Rural District Council to scrvice Foulsham. As Bintree is adjacent to Foulsham, St. Faith's and Lylsham Rural District Council were approached with a view to making provision for Bintrec in the Foulsham scheme. Discussions on these lines were taking place at the end of the year.

#### Scarning Sewer Maintenance.

During the winter months the overland section of Scarning sewer has to be flushed in an effort to ensure a free flow of drainage.

Every effort is made to persuade householders and owners of properties served by any sever to connect, and to this end the Council are prepared to give Improvement Grants for the installation of modern amonities, or alternatively grants are given for the conversion of pail closets into water closets.

At the end of the year the position with regard to connections was as follows:-

	North Elmh: m	Litcham
Applications for private houses	120	82
Properties connected	108	69
Council properties connected	61	44
Total properties connected	169	113
Properties for which scheme designed	241	241
% connected	68,3	68%
Council houses scheduled for connection		1
Mumber which will be connected when all present and Council house work complete		127
% of design	73/2	71,70
Applications for closet conversions	56	4-2
Closets converted	51	25

#### PUBLIC TER SUMPLIES.

A tabulated summary of the villages supplied with mains tator is appended, together with the relevant details applicable in each case as set out under the various headings. Those villages marked with an H, have as their source of supply, an individual bore in each village. As far as the remainder are concerned water is purchased in bulk from adjoining Local Authorities.

During the year the following contracts were in progress:-

#### North Eastern Parishes Schome.

Main laying was completed in the villages of Guist, Twyford, Bintree, Fexley and part of Billingford. The water tower at Bintree was also completed.

#### Central Parishes Scheme.

Main laying was proceeding satisfactorily in the villages of Gresschhall, Longham, Beetley, Bilney, Stanfield, Brisley and Horningtoft.

#### Lyng and Elsing.

This scheme is an extension of the Lyng village supply  $\pi$ . Main laying was completed.

#### Sperhen.

Main laying was completed with supply taken in bulk from St. Faith's and Lylsham Rural District Council.

All householders on the line of any new main are offered a free connection providing application is made within 6 months of completion of main laying. Having regard however, to the number of villages in which mains were laid during the year, some delay in providing connections is inevitable.

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DUNHAMS	163	144	463	88	-
HOCKERING 7	87	87	280	87	1,354,270
ROUGH 14 ×	64-	63	203	98	750,399
THISSONSETT =	147	131	428	89	2,067,420
ELLMEAN (NORTH) =	261	228	736	87	5,193,200
LITCHAM #	195	168	541	86	3,740,980
SHIPDHAM (PART OF)	417	353	,136	BASHID.	desire.
COLKIRK #	168	149	4.80	86	2,037,625
MILEHAM #	113	95	305	84	2,337,704
S.ANTON MORLEY #	190	164	529	86	2,766,837
SCIRNING	40	39	122	97	
BRESTON #	110	90	287	88	6,900,000
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#### TRU TMAIT.

Water in the Southern Parishes Scheme is softened, filtered, chlorinated and de-ironed.

With regard to the individual village schemes iron removal and filtration plants are installed in eight villages.

The more comprehensive schemes now in process of installation will mean that a number of the more isolated properties will have a mains supply available. Previously, as far as individual village supplies were concerned, on economic grounds, only the built up part of the village was provided with a supply.

Households without a mains supply derive their domestic water from wells or bores.

#### MITER SAIFLES.

#### FUBLIC SUPPLIES.

Eighteen bacturiological samples were taken from mains supplies all of which were excellent.

In addition five samples were submitted for chemical analysis by the Public Analyst, who reported each bore to be satisfactory. The fluoride content in parts per million of the various waters sampled, is as follows:-

Colkirk	0.05	tanh	Shipaham	0.3
Litcham	0.05	_	Weasenham	Nil
Rougham	Nil			

In the previous years the fluoride content of the waters analysed was as follows:-

Beeston	0.10	tromb	Swanton Morley	0.25
Fransham	0.15	ener ·	Tittleshall	0.05
Lyng	0.05	940	Whissonsett	0.16
Colkirk	0.1		Mattishall	0.1
North Elmhem	0.1		Milcham	0.08
Hockering	0.1	1004	Weasenham	Nil

One part per million is the appropriate level for the prevention of dental decay, and as will be observed from the above figures each supply falls far short of this figure.

The effectiveness of the iron removal plants is illustrated by the fact that the iron content at Whissonsett is now 0.16 parts per million, whereas prior to treatment it was 3.4 parts per million.

In connection with the provision of new main supplies a further 40 bacteriological samples were taken.

#### PRIVATE SUPPLIES.

It was not necessary to make any emergency arrangements due to the failure of private wells. During the year forty samples were taken, which were classified as follows:-

	WOLLS:	640%		10	satisfactory
			4	21	unsatisfactory
,			4	2	suspicious
	Bores.	tions.		7	satisfactory
		plants.	,	0	unsatisfactory

#### CLEANSING SCHEIL.

The Council operates a weekly night soil collection, fortnightly house refuse collection, and provides on request two free cesspool emptyings per financial year.

The vehicle fleet consists of four cesspool emptying machines (three being used for night soil collection and one for cesspool emptying), three refuse collection vehicles (two being in constant use and one kept as a replacement in case of a breakdown or the temporary withdrawal of a vehicle for servicing and repair). In addition a tracter with a bulldozer blade and rear hydraulic bucket attachment, is used for levelling the two refuse tips in use in the area. Maintainance of all vehicles is carried out by direct labour at the Council depot at Rushmeadow Road, Scarning.

#### Dustbins.

The Council continued to operate a dustbin hire scheme at an annual charge of 6s. per bin. During the year a further 33 flustbins were issued brining the toal on hire at the end of the year to 637.

Cosspool emptying decreased slightly to 1,950 as compared with 2,054 for the previous year. From 1949 to 1959 cleansing was lone by contract, but since the 1st June, 1959, it has been carried but by direct labour. This is the second consecutive year to show a reduction in the number of cosspool emptyings and this in by opinion, is attributable to the availability of main drainage in Jorth Elmham and Litcham.

The number of cesspools emptied each year since cleansing has been operated by direct labour is as follows:-

1959	1,538
1960	1,697
1961	2,005
1962	2,124
1963	2,279
1964	2,054
1965	1,950

The emptying of the 1,950 cesspools during the year under eview, involved disposal of approximately 4,00 tanker loads otalling 3,363,500 gallons of effluent.

# HOUSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS.

Number of complaints investigated	•••31
Number of inspections and re-inspections	• • • 39
Number of Moveable Dwellings inspected	14
Informal requests to carry out work of repair etc.	• • • (
Work completed as a result of above	• • • 5
Statutory Notices served	• • • •
Number of houses considered incapable of being made fit at a reasonable expense	• • • 23
Demolition Orders made	••• 2
Closing Orders made	••• 3
Undertakings not to relet accepted	•••13

# SLUM CLEARANCE PROGRAME.

Number of houses scheduled in the Council's return	
to the Ministry in 1955	689
Number of houses added since that date	116
Revised Total	805
Number of houses removed from programme (Schemes of repair and renovation)	••• 46
Number of houses to be dealt with officially	• • • 759
Number of houses dealt with to 31st December, 1964 480	
Number of houses dealt with in 1965 23	
Total dealt with to 31st December, 1965	•••503
Number of houses on programme at 31st December, 1965.	256

The following is a summary of action taken since the Slum Clearance report in 1955.

Families rehoused by Council	154
Families awaiting rehousing	120
Families who have found own accommodation	• • • 46
Elderly femilies to be left undisturbed	••• 13
Vacant at time of official action	• • • 154
Council Houses in course of construction at end of year	• • • 52
Number of houses actually demolished since 1955	167
Number of Closing Orders made since 1955	• • • 74
Number of Undertakings accepted since 1955	70

# IMPROVEDENT CRIMIS.

Preliminary visits and consultation (both schemes)	126
Visits to work in progress (both schemes)	24:1
Standard Grants.	
Total dwellings for which grant approved to date	262
Owner/occupied dwellings for which grant approved to date	170
Total Dwellings for which grant approved in 1965	69
Potal Dwellings work completed to date	169
Fotal Dwellings work completed to date - owner/occupied	114
Potal Dwellings work completed in 1965	48
Value of Grants approved to date	£41,003. Os. 6d.
Value of Grants approved in 1965	£13,934. Os. Od.

# Summary of Items.

	Bath	Basin	Hot water	W.C	•	Food Store
Proposed	203	220	214	233		140
Enstalled	164.	169	170	190	)	89
	Building Seption Bathroom Tank		Soptic Tank		ar dalamin erreigin kalbiyasının ağışımın	Bringing in cold water
roposed	26		35		28	
nstalled	5		5		3	

# Discretionary Grants.

Total dwellings for which grant approv	ed to date	297
Owner/occupied dwellings for which gra	nt approved to date	71
Total dwellings for which grant approv	ed during 1965	17
Total dwellings work completed		262
Total dwellings work completed - Owner,	/occupied	70
Total dwellings work completed 1965		20
Value of grants approved to date	£76,144. 11s. 9d.	
Value of grants approved during 1965	£3,229. 8s. 9d.	

# ILPROVINENTS TO COUNCIL HOUSES.

The contract for the first Council Houses to be built in the area was advertised in 1928 and by the end of 1929, 28 dwellings had been completed.

Two types of houses were built viz:-

Parlour Type consisting of parlour, living room, kitchen, larder, and 3 bedrooms; superficial area 939 square feet costing £420 and letting at 6s. per week.

Non Parlour Type comprising living room, kitchen, small scullery, pantry, and 3 bedrooms; superficial area 743 square feet costing £320 and letting at 4s. 6d. per week.

The rent in each case included rates.

By 1939 a total of 339 houses had been crected, and in the early part of the war this figure increased to 353 as the houses under construction at the commencement of hostilities were completed.

In 1942 rents were increased to 7s. per week.

In 1943 the Ministry of Health sanctioned the provision of 30 houses for Agricultural Workers the inclusive rent being 13s. per week.

By the end of 1945, 383 Council Houses had been provided viz:145 for slum clearance, 41 for relief of overcrowding, 167 for
general needs and 30 for Agricultural workers. These properties
Lacked modern amenities and it is anticipated that by 1970 the
modernisation of all these dwellings will be completed.

In addition 38 houses were built in the immediate post war period that did not have all modern amenities and these are included in the figures set out below:-

#### (A) Surmary of present position.

Number of Council houses originally lacking amenities. 421 Substandard bungalow at Litchan. Total number of Council dwellings lacking amenities.

# Dwollings improved.

23 (22 houses & 1 bungelow). Litchan N. Elmhan 14 Lestfield 4

41

### 1964

Sparham acadling

16

57 Total

#### Houses work in progress

10 Yaxhan Boeston

(Herne Lane) Gt. Dunlian

42 Shipdhan

58

# Schemes in preparation.

12 Shipdham Hockcring .

n occupation.

(Heath Road) 12 24

Total completed and work in

progress Properties remaining to be dealt with 139

283

On 31st December, 1965 a total of 1,108 Council dwellings were

# CAPAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVALOAMENT AUT 1961.

As reported last year, the owners of the one remaining caravan site in the area have refused to permit the erection of the toilet block which would be necessary in order to ensure compliance with the provisions of the above Act. The site will therefore have to be gradually run down which will leave the district without a licensed site. This in my opinion is unfortunate as there appears to be an increasing demand for sites for residential purposes, which can also accommodate a limited number of holiday makers.

During the year 17 individual licences were in force.

#### FOOD FILINISES.

Number of food premises in the area	160
Number of food premises registered under section 16 of	
the Food and Drugs Let, 1955.	
(a) Ice Cream	••• 58
(b) Sausages etc.	••• 9
Number of inspections of registered food premises	72
Number of visits to other food premises	220

There are no producers in the district under the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment etc.) Regulations 1947-1952.

During the year, 1,443 time of unfit foodstuffs were voluntary surrendered as well as 117 lbs. of fish fillets.

#### MEAT INSPECTION

For the second consecutive year, the total number of animals killed in the Rural District showed a slight decrease but it is regretted that this has not resulted in a corresponding decrease in the number of visits made to slaughterhouses for inspection purposes. Because of alteration to the slaughtering schedule of the largest slaughterhouse in the area, due to connercial considerations, two visits on two days a week have now to be made to the premises. This does not involve any increase in the time spent in actual inspection but the extra travelling necessary does mean that work in other fields may not receive the attention that it should. In spite of this difficulty, co-operation with the slaughterhouse managements has been maintained.

Mention was made in the last report of the remarkable reduction in the incidence of Cysticercus Bovis and this has been maintained during 1965. Only four cases were found during the year and none were considered sufficiently serious to submit the careases for treatment by refrigeration.

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part.						
Number killed and inspected	2,600	Sheep & Lambs 2,561	Pigs 4,737	Horses		
All diseases except Tuberculosis & Cysticercosis.						
whole careases condemed	1	5	2	Nil		
Carcases of which some par or craal was condemned	432	49	260	Nil		
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculesis & cysticorcosis	16.6	1.9	5.7	Nil		
Tuberculosis only:						
Whole careases condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil		
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	Nil	Nil	5	Nil		
Percentage of the number inspected with tuberculosis	Nil	Nil	0.1	Nil		

	:			
	Cattle	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Cysticercosis				
Carcases of which				
some part or organ				
was condemned	4	Mil	Nil	Nil.
Carcases submitted to				
treatment by refrigeration	Nil	Mil	Nil	Nil
Generalised and totally.				
condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Examination of the following table of animals killed and inspected will show that since 1956, the number of animals inspected has increased 1300%.

Year	Cattle	Sheep & Lembs	Pigs	Total	Cattle	Sheep	Pigs	Total	Percentage Inspected
1956	. 4444	485	1307	2236	277	146	314	687	30.72
1957	550	573	1431	2554	345	380	739	1464	57.32
1958	523	624	1395	2542	395	479	1037	1911	75.18
1959	493	743	1254	2490	493	686	1223	2402	96.4.7
1960	1877	2540	1630	6047	1873	2528	1618	6020	99•55
1961	2354	2656	2385	7395	2354	2656	2385	7395	100
1962	2619	2882	2717	8218	2619	2882	2717	8218	100
1963	3254	2970	4197	10421	3254	2970	4247	10421	100
1964	2901	3080	4347	10328	2901	3080	4347	10328	100
1965	2600	2561	4737	9898	2600	2561	4737	9898	100

## PREVENTION OF DAMEGE BY PESTS OF 1949.

Two operators are employed, each covering half the district Transport cosists of an auto-cycle in each case, each man being responsible for servicing the locality allotted to him.

Details of servicing carried out is set out below:-

	INFESTATION						
TYPE OF PROPERTY	NUMBER INSPECTED	SHIP RAT		COMMON RAT LAJOR HELOR		LICE NAJOR LINOR	
Dwellings	4,454		C356	39	902	areas.	37
Agricultura	1,242	eros.	4049	distribe.	35	_	14
Business Premises	618		divina		25	4-100	<u>/ ;</u> _
TOTAL	6,314	-	_	39	962		55

# OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963.

Certain requirements of this Act, which makes provision for a ety, health and welfare of employed persons, came into force n 1st May, 1964 while most of the remaining sections became perational on 1st August, 1964. The year 1965 was, therefore, he first full year of operation of the Act and during this period, 78 premises were visited. Of these, 102 were exempt under the Act, were required to be registered while the remainder came within he purview of H.M. Inspector of Factories. It is pointed out that ime did not permit detailed inspections where applicable and nile the Food Hygiene Regulations also apply in most cases, only prove inspections were carried out in this connection. The following able summarises visits for the year under review.

	TOTALS			norda distributur ristli Qu-samidit ughquagar-russiqani sini etikusquandarusuquay ishir vasqori 1 💉 editiri
	Offices	4-	14	14
GISTRATIONS AND	Retail Shops	23	43	43
II	Wholesale Shops, warehouses		2	2
	Catering establish- ments open to the public, canteens	anni-		
	Fuel storage depots	Comp	2	2.
	(1) Class of premises	premises registered	(3) Total number of registered premises at end of year	(4) Number of registered premises receiving a general Inspection during the year

NUMBER OF VISITS OF ALL KINDS BY INSPECTORS TO REGISTERED PREMISES - 178.

# PETROLLUII ACTS.

5 new licences were issued and 103 renewal licences were made in connection with existing installations.

# FACTORIES ACT 1937 - 1948.

41 visits were made to Factories, and details of these and action taken in respect of these regulations are included at the end of the Medical Officer of Health's Annual Report.

I have the honour to be, Your Obedient Servant,

GEORGE DAVIES,

Senior Public Health Inspector.



